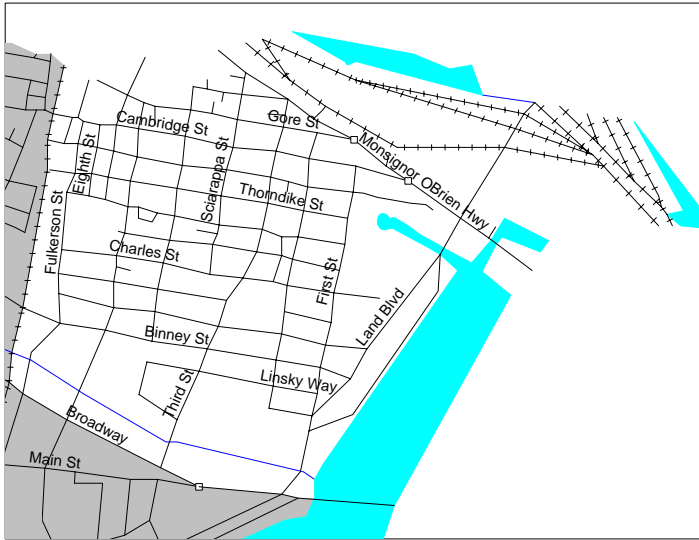
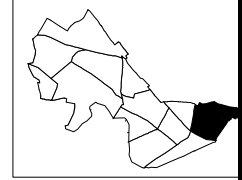


# NEIGHBORHOOD 1 EAST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

**POPULATION:** 7,294 residents  
2,726 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:** \$30,281

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	13	21	25	19	6
Street Robbery	7	9	7	5	8
Auto Theft	35	29	30	19	33
Larceny from MVs	31	39	32	70	31
Malicious Destruction	32	50	67	68	41
Drug Incidents	5	3	6	16	5

### 2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

**Housebreaks** decreased dramatically in East Cambridge over the first six months of 2004. There were thirteen fewer housebreaks when compared with the same time period in 2003 and only one reported incident between March and the end of June. Three of the six housebreaks in East Cambridge were in the same block of Thorndike Street in January. The temporal trend of housebreaks in this neighborhood occurring on weekdays between 10AM and 1PM held true over the first two quarters of 2004. • **Street robbery** increased from five incidents over the first two quarters of 2003 to eight reports during the first six months of 2004 in this area. Six of the eight robberies were in close proximity to the Galleria Mall. A high percentage of the victims were teenage males walking alone who were robbed of valuables by other teens in groups of two and three. The best time frame for these incidents is between 7PM and 9PM. • The major crime story to emerge in East Cambridge over the first two quarters of 2004 was the 55% reduction in **larceny from motor vehicles**. Increased undercover surveillance in the parking lots along Hurley, Bent and Spring Streets produced arrests and helped reduce the chronic problem of car thefts in this area. • The increase in **auto theft** can be attributed to sporadic thefts of Hondas and Toyotas from Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Streets with joyriding teens the usual suspects. • Three of the five **drug incidents** in this neighborhood over the first two quarters of 2004 were arrests for the possession of marijuana. The Special Investigation Unit conducted a raid on a Sixth Street residence in late June that resulted in the arrest of the occupant and the confiscation of a large amount of cocaine and cash.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
<i>Crime</i>	<i>1981-1990</i>	<i>Rank '81-'90*</i>	<i>1991-2002</i>	<i>Rank '91-'02*</i>	<i>Rank 2003*</i>
Housebreaks	38	10	36	9	8
Street Robbery	10	11	19	4	5
Auto Theft	156	2	80	2	4
Larceny from MVs	121	5	105	2	1
Malicious Destruction	118	5	115	1	2

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

## Neighborhood Profile And Historical Synopsis

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and Cambridge Center, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle-related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest rates here of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.

